THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) A statement is annexed.

Statement

List of centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS)

Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation

1. Technology Mission on Cotton.
2. Oilseeds Production Programme.
3. National Pulses Development Project.
4. Oil Palm Development Programme.
5. Share Capital Participation in Cooperative Suger Mills.
6. Share Capital Participation in Cooperative Spinning Mills.
7. Timely Reporting System.
8. Improvement of Crop Statistics.
9. Establishment of an Agency for Reporting Agricultural Statistics.
10. Macro Management.
11. Accelerated Maize Development programme.

Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development

1. Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) (provided to rural artisans for self employment)

Constitution of Punjab Wakf Board

2471. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not constituting the Punjab Wakf Board despite assurances to Parliament;

(b) whether impropriety in retaining the Punjab Wakf Board

under an Administrator for more than five years has been committed which is against the spirit of the Wakf Act; and

(c) whether Government would take necessary steps for constitution of the Punjab Wakf Board as per the provisions of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Consequent upon the reorganization of the erstwhile State of Punjab in November, 1966, the Punjab Wakf Board became an inter-State body corporate having jurisdiction in the States of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Punjab, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. Consequently the Board is being administered by the Central Government. In 1981, following allegations of mismanagement and corruption, the Board was superseded and an Administrator was appointed. Since then the Board has recovered from a position of deficit to generating substantial income including surplus. The constitution of the Punjab Wakf Board depends, inter alia, on the satisfactory resolution of the legal position regarding its future set up.

Representation regarding S.C. Status to certain castes of Tamil Nadu origin in Maharashtra

2472. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain castes such as Adidravidar, Pallar Parayar etc., which are in the list of scheduled castes in Tamil Nadu have not been recognized as scheduled castes in Maharashtra even though a good number of people belonging to these castes of Tamil Nadu origin have been living in Mumbai and other places for generations;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the Tamil Nadu Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA